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1. I TALKED WITH CARAZO EARLY SEPT. 13 AND HE HAD NO NEW DEVELOPMENTS TO REPORT ON INCURSIONS, WITH ONE EXCEPTION, OR MUCH FURTHER ON EVENTS NORTH OR SOUTH OF THE BORDER AT PENAS BLANCAS. HIS INFORMATION CONFIRMED THAT RECEIVED BY US THIS MORNING FROM VICE MINISTER INTERIOR, STILL WITH MININTERIOR IN LIBERIA, THAT GON AIRCRAFT HAD VIOLATED GOCR AIRSPACE OVER LOS CHILES AREA SEPTEMBER 13 AS LATE AS 5P.M. REPORTS OF INCURSIONS IN THIS AREA HAVE BEEN PREVALENT CQSTHE PAST, EVEN BEFORE LOS CHILES INCIDENTS EARLIER THIS YEAR.

2. PRESIDENT HAS LEFT A SMALL GOCR CONTINGENT AT BORDER POINT AT PENAS BLANCAS AND AS OF NHS MORNING IT REPORTED NO HOSTILE ACTIVITY ON BORDER. DURING NIGHT ONE WELL-ARMED FSLN MEMBER MIPEARED AT BORDER POINT AND "GAVE HIMSELF UP", SUGGESTING TO CARAZO, THOUGH REPORTS ARE STILL FRAGMENTARY, THAT THA SOUTHERN NICARAGUA AREA MUST BE VERY "FLUID". CONSIDERABLE MACHINE GUN AND ROCKET FIRE NOISE TO THE NORTH CONTINUED TO BE HEARD FROM
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COSTA RICAN SIDE AT PENAS BLANCAS THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT ACCORDING TO GOCR GUARD POST AND THERE IS UNCONFIRMEDHNVPORT THAT NICARAGUAN PENAS BLANCAS MAY HAVE BEEN TAKEN TEMPORARILY BY FSLN, WHO LATER LEFT.

3. AS OF THIS MORNING, GOCR REPORTS 70 TO 80 MEMBERS COSTA RICAN SECURITY FORCE ARE IN GENERAL BORDER AREA AFFECTED.

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